

**CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2006
6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 PM in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Mark Steffen, Bill Grady, Dale Henson, Jeff Schreiber, Scott Guenther, Ray Spears, and Nancy Atkinson. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes.

Presentation of Proclamation 2006-09 recognizing Major League Umpire Randy Marsh – Mayor Link read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Randy Marsh. Mr. Marsh thanked the Mayor and Council and expressed his appreciation for the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **October 2, 2006 Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Grady had a revision to the minutes. At the last meeting he made a statement regarding the electronic message sign. He requested the entire statement be included in the minutes. His statement was as follows: “At a recent special meeting where our property taxes were increased the vote was three for and three against and Mayor Link broke the tie. At that meeting, the administrator stated that one of the reasons to increase taxes was that funds could be used to enable the city to payback into our reserve fund the money that had been used for the new city building. Ironically, at the meeting, just one week later, we were urged to consider the purchase of an expensive electronic sign in front of the building. There’s no secret what they cost, I checked. Ft. Mitchell paid about \$30,000 for their sign. It was also mentioned that other cities are getting such signs; must we keep up with the Jones’ and do what other cities do? My opinion of such signs are that they look gaudy and commercial. If the city can have one shouldn’t every business, church, school, service station and other businesses in Edgewood be allowed to have one? As we all know over the years many of our citizens have worked together to keep our city as residential looking as possible. Also, I think such a sign would be a distraction for people driving by. There’s no guardrail across from the city building and there is a deep ravine across that road.” Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the October 2, 2006 meeting minutes as revised by Mr. Grady; seconded by Mr. Spears. Mrs. Atkinson abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayors Report – Mayor Link attended the KLC Convention in Lexington where the city received an award for the city’s training room being recognized as an advanced technological training center.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Rolfes stated that recommendation was given that we consider having someone do some type of sketch of the proposed pocket park and assist with the layout. He spoke with CDS Architects and they indicated that it would be a fee that would not exceed \$500. Mr. Rolfes asked for authorization to have the sketch drawn. Mr.

Steffen made a **motion** to authorize up to \$500 for an architectural drawing of the new pocket park; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mr. Steffen asked what the final cost was for the city crew demolishing the house. Mr. Rolfes said he does not have final numbers but it will probably be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Mr. Steffen asked for a picture of pervious parking. Mr. Rolfes distributed the information/pictures for council's review.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval for repair to 174's mechanical pump seals at the cost of \$2,748 – Per council's request at the last meeting that other estimates be obtained for this service. Three other estimates were received today. It was suggested to obtain references for Specialty Truck, who has the lowest estimate. It was also suggested to obtain quotes not estimates; two of them were estimates. Mr. Grady made a **motion** that for reasons of convenience only we allow Summit Fire to make the repairs for \$2,748; second by Mr. Schreiber. Ayes votes were recorded for: Mr. Grady, Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Henson, and Mr. Steffen. Nay votes were recorded for: Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. Spears and Mr. Guenther. Mr. Spears stated his nay vote is because of the information on hand. **Motion passed: 4 ayes – 3 nays.**

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for repair to the throttle on the pump panel for truck #152 at the cost of \$1,600 – Mr. Spears made a **motion** to approve the emergency repair of engine 152 pump throttle from Summit Fire Apparatus at an estimate of \$1,600 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to an emergency and the availability; second by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Freedom Park Synthetic Turf Field Bids – Mr. Rolfes stated we received bids last week; we have not contacted the businesses yet. Low bid for the small field was Champion Turf for \$197,500 and low bid for the large field was The Motz Group for \$223,500. Mr. Steffen said the smaller field, 40' x 80', fits nicely and doesn't impose on the football or baseball fields. The larger field, 50' x 100', comes about 20 yards into the football field and the corner of the fence would be right about where the center fielder would stand on the baseball field. Therefore, he would recommend going with the smaller field and it would leave room for a fence. Mr. Guenther suggested having a contractor resurface the field grade it, seed it and maintain it for a year and see how that works out. An estimate was received to do that for about \$7,500. Mr. Spears stated that he is in favor of pursuing this permanent fix to install the synthetic field. There have been problems with the sprinkler system, topsoil, rock, and trying to get grass to grow. He believes it would be a good use and expenditure of the money; it's guaranteed to last eight years but will probably last a lot longer. Mr. Guenther stated that when he spoke to

contractors about repairing the field they're all aware of the rocky terrain and they stated that it shouldn't present a problem. They should be able to get a good stand of natural grass on the field. Mr. Guenther stated that the city has not had professionals try to get the field into good condition and believes it would make sense to try it for a year. Mr. Steffen agreed with Mr. Guenther to try to maintain the natural field for a year. Mrs. Atkinson stated that since council first started talking about the turf field the numbers have escalated and will continue to escalate and she also agrees with Mr. Guenther to stay with the natural field. Mr. Schreiber also agreed and he would like someone to take pictures before and after the treatment. Mr. Henson said we need to be able to see progress; he is also in favor of trying the natural grass for a year. Mr. Spears said he would also go along with trying to repair the natural field for a year but would prefer the synthetic field.

Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with an outside contractor to resurface and maintain the Freedom Park soccer field at a total annual cost \$7,531; second by Mr. Steffen. Mr. Spears voted nay. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 nay.**

Pervious parking lot – the city has been approached by Moraine Concrete who said they would donate 130 cubic yards of pervious concrete. This will be used for a parking lot next door on the property where the house was located. The city will be required to pay for a sub-surface, which will be 12" of gravel, at an estimated cost of \$7,061. Installing this type of parking lot will demonstrate how this type of material will help to reduce storm water run off. This lot will provide 15-20 parking spaces. Mr. Guenther said he is not against a parking lot but he would like to keep the green space. Mr. Spears would like to keep the green space as well but says it would be hard not to accept a generous offer like this; he doesn't see a pressing need for parking right now. Mr. Rolfes said there are 11 spaces in front of the building and about 22 spaces on the east lot. The training room holds 45-50 people but we only have parking for about 33 people. There is a parking lot in the rear of the firehouse; which is primarily used for responding personnel. He said picking up another 10-15 spaces makes a certain amount of sense if we can do it. Mr. Spears asked how much of the lot would be covered for parking. Mr. Rolfes said it's a little more than half. Mr. Steffen said he would also hate to give up green space also but it would be hard to turn down the offer; Mrs. Atkinson agreed. Mr. Rolfes said if you drive by the lot on Dudley Road you will not see the parking lot; you'll only see it if you drive down Edge Mar Drive. Mr. Henson said he wants to put some landscaping in around it because that was promised to the neighbors.

Mrs. Atkinson made a **motion** to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$7,100 for the pervious parking lot project; second by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

False alarm ordinance – Chief Kramer advised council the need for a false alarm and/or false 911-call ordinance. The police department is receiving more and more false alarms/false 911 calls. These types of calls are time consuming, and because they are priority calls, often take them away from other calls/tasks. The calls are usually caused by human error, which means they are generally preventable. Businesses are at fault as well as residents. Chief Kramer feels that an ordinance that would levy a fine for excessive calls would encourage residents and businesses to be more careful. Other cities have such an ordinance in place. Upon request of council Chief Kramer will obtain sample ordinances to

see how many calls are being allowed before a fine is assessed. Mr. Rolfes said it would also include fire alarm drops to the fire department as well.

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spooky Sunday will be held at Presidents Park on October 22nd for children 12 and under. Costume parade will head to the park from St. Pius at 4:00 p.m.
- Mayor Link announced that the city hired Sandy Cleveland as a part time deputy clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Spears made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____